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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Iran-Iraq for Senate Energy Committee
staffer Howard Useem

1. On 27 February 1984, Howard Useem, staff member on the Senate Energy Committee, was briefed on growing tension between Iran and Iraq. [redacted] of DI/NESA provided the 15-minute briefing. The analysts covered recent movements of military equipment and armed forces on both sides of the border. It was pointed out that Iran and Iraq appear to be moving toward the most serious confrontation in several years, although it is possible they could back-off without a decisive fight. The vulnerability of Iranian oil-loading facilities on Khark Island was also discussed and the possibility that Iraq could at any time launch an air attack.

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2. Mr. Useem asked to be updated by phone if there were any significant new developments in the next day or two. I promised to do so.

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